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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
(Based on PCT/JP01/06452)

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FOR: TREATMENT PROCESS AND
TREATMENT MATERIAL OF
FLUORINE COMPOUND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment
to read as follows.

3. (Amended) The treatment process of the solution containing the fluorine
compound according to claim 1, the process further comprising,
adjusting pH of the solution to more than 4,
precipitating the layered double hydroxide having the fluorine compound between
layers.

4. (Amended) The treatment process of the solution containing the fluorine
compound according to claim 1, the process further comprising,
adding an alkali to the solution to adjust pH from 4 to 12,